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Application No.: 10/721,079Docket No.: 4590-239REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 4-5 and 7-12 remain pending in the application. Claims 3 and 6 have been cancelled.

Claims 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as noted in the Office Action. In response, claims 10 and 11 have been amended and the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-2, 4-5 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Nagai. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagi. In response, allowable claims 3 and 6 have been incorporated into claims 1 and 5, respectfully and accordingly these rejections have been overcome.

All objections and rejections having been addressed Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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